

42. The method according to claim 40, wherein the method is gene therapy.
43. The method according to claim 41, wherein the method is gene therapy.--

Please cancel claims 20, 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This application was filed on September 28, 1998 and claims priority to German application DE 197 43 135.6 filed September 30, 1997. A Preliminary Amendment was filed along with the application on September 28, 1998 to remove the multiple claim dependencies.

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to incorporate the subject headings recommended in the MPEP. No new matter is introduced by these subject headings and the amendments are made so that the specification complies with more accepted U.S. practice.

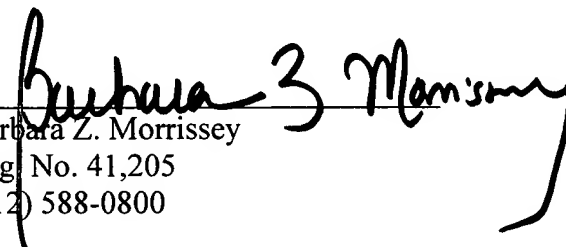
The claims have also been amended in this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1 to 33 were originally filed with this Amendment. By this Preliminary Amendment claims 20, 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29 are cancelled, without prejudice, and are replaced by new claims 34 to 43. Thus claims 1 to 19, 21, 23 to 25, and 30 to 43 are now pending in this application. The new claims have been added and the pending claims have been amended so that the claims more particularly point out and distinctly define the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter is introduced by the new claims and support can be found in the specification as filed. If any additional claim fee is determined to be due for entry and consideration of these claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Entry of this Amendment and an early examination of claims 1 to 19, 21, 23 to
25, and 30 to 43 on the merits are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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